

ARMY ON MARK READY TO EMBARK FOR VERA CRUZ

War Department Arranges to Charter Six Large Steamships Which May Transport Reinforcements to Funston.

GUNBOAT DESPATCHED TO HARBOR OF TAMPICO

Monitor Ozark's Big Guns Will Afford Protection to Foreigners in Oil City—Consul Silliman is Safe Bryan Hears.

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, May 9.—The war department today announced that it has chartered eight vessels for transport service. The following are the steamers and the points at which they are available:
Colorado, at Offshore, at Galveston; Dorchester, at Norfolk; Kansas, in the Caribbean Sea; Minnesota, City of Memphis, City of Macon, at New York; the Denver, at Galveston.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Col. Henry A. Greene, in command of the central division U. S. army, today received instructions from the adjutant general of the army in Washington giving in detail the plans made for the mobilization of the volunteer troops of Illinois. These plans, it is known, call for the mobilization in Springfield as soon as the call for troops is made.

TACOMA, Wash., May 9.—Troop B, the crack cavalry troop of the Washington national guard, received orders today from Washington to mobilize for field service. The men were assembled on telegraphic orders at the armory.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Secretary of State Bryan was notified today by the French minister, M. Jusserand, that John R. Silliman, the American consul at Saltillo, Mexico, is well. M. Jusserand telephoned to Mr. Bryan that he had received word that Silliman was well and was not ill-treated. This relieved anxiety that has been felt for several days over the failure to receive any word from Silliman.

Word came to the French embassy from the French legation in Mexico City that the minister of war had assured the French chargé d'affaires that the American consulate at Saltillo was guarded by troops. No Americans had met with harm, according to the communication.

BY W. N. TAFT.
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WASHINGTON, May 9.—The army is on the mark today ready for the signal to proceed to Vera Cruz. Mediation is in imminent peril of being hung to the winds and the national capital is prepared for the news that the long expected order "On to Mexico City" has been issued.

While no orders for the embarkation of troops have been announced that the war department had arranged to charter six large steamships to be used in transporting the balance of the second army to Vera Cruz, Secretary Garrison declared the general staff today that if it became necessary to throw additional forces into Mexico, the plans formed by the war college would not be disturbed.

Mediation is almost forgotten in official circles and attention is concentrated on the war department in the expectancy of orders presaging hostilities in Mexico. Constitutionalist and Huertistas so far as their relations with the "A. B. C." envoys go, were almost forgotten in the anticipation of a decisive move which will put an end to mediation at Tampico.

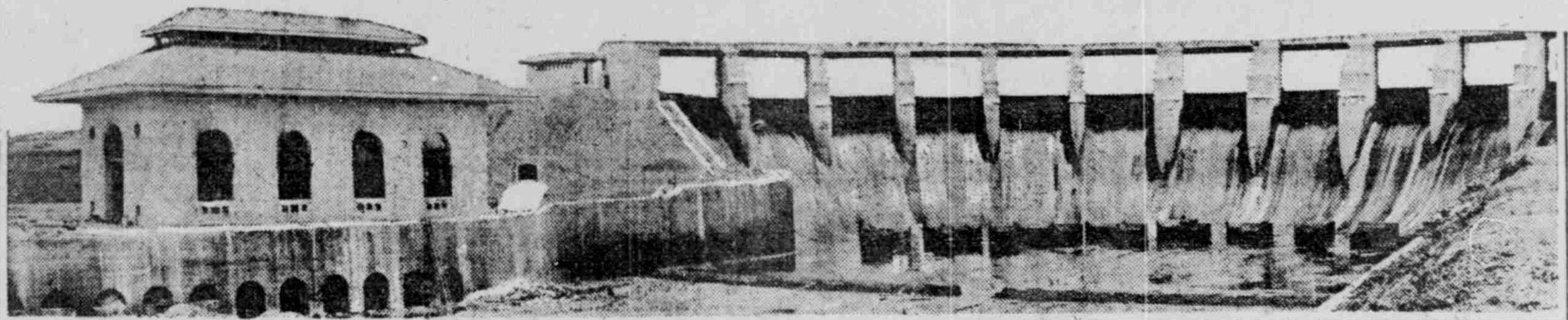
There may, as Secretary Garrison said, be no need for more American troops in Mexico, but the tone of Huerta's protest against violation of the armistice, the arrival of a boatload of war munitions at Puerto Mexico, and the reported killing of Private Parks, orderly for Lieutenant Colonel Taggart, who wandered from Vera Cruz into the federal zone while in command of the heat, have made it seem likely to Washington that the gravest eventuality is close at hand. The army is greatly cheered by Secretary Garrison's strong stand against political interference with his plans, and the secretary himself seems pleased by the prospect of "doing something." Army and navy officers generally were displeased by the news that Huerta has been permitted to gather guns and bullets by the boatload for use against the United States right under the muzzles of the guns of the Atlantic fleet.

The Kronprinzessin Cecilie being permitted to land her cargo of war munitions at Puerto Mexico, the state department contended, because to make any attempt to prevent her doing so would have been a violation of the armistice between this country and Huerta.

Send Gunboat to Tampico.
To more completely protect the harbor and to protect the outgoing districts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt today ordered the monitor Ozark to join Rear Admiral Mayo's squadron off Tampico.

The Ozark, armed with two 12-inch guns, four four-inch guns and three six-pounders, now is headed for Lobos Island near Tampico. She is off Key West, steaming under forced draught. The ship can navigate the Panuco river and it was not denied that the monitor will go up to the city of Tampico. Her twelve-inch guns will give ample protection to foreigners in that city and will have a salutary effect in checking anti-American demonstrations which have worried American residents and have been a source of complaint to both the navy and state departments by refugees from

Fearing Attempt to Render Canal Useless by Blasting Spillway, Goethals Orders U. S. Soldiers to Guard Duty



This is the Gatun spillway, the most vulnerable part of the Panama canal. By raising the steel gate between the concrete columns any excess water in Gatun lake is allowed to run into the Atlantic ocean. A similar spillway is on the Pacific end of the canal.

5,000 WOMEN IN SUFFRAGE PARADE AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Suffrage cohorts marched and counter-marched through the streets of Washington today, making a brilliant spectacle as they formed for the great parade to the capital to present their petition to congress asking that women be given the right to vote.

More than 5,000 women from every state in the union, representing every profession, interest and class, enthusiastic over the prospects of the demonstration gathered for the march. Distinctive attire was worn by delegations from the various states and the waving banners and pennants made the demonstration one of the most striking that ever has been witnessed here. The assembling point of the marchers was Lafayette square and the course of the march was up Pennsylvania av. to the capitol. The forces were marshalled by members of the Congressional Union Equal Suffrage.

Rep. Mondell of Wyoming, who introduced the resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide equal suffrage was given the place of honor in the procession, a carriage near the head of the parade being assigned for his use.

The day was clear and moderately warm, letting the women wear their prettiest gowns and bringing out crowds of spectators, apparently friendly to the cause.

The only discordant note was furnished by the anti-suffragists who posted small boys along the line of march to distribute red roses, the emblem of opposition to suffrage.

"The March of the Women," composed by Dr. Ethel Smyth, was selected as the official song of the pageant and a chorus of 1,000 women was chosen to furnish the music of the procession.

KENTUCKY'S RICHEST MAN IS DYING IN NEW YORK HOTEL

NEW YORK, May 8.—Colonel John C. Calhoun Mayo, said to be the wealthiest man in Kentucky, was believed to be in a dying condition today in his room in the Waldorf Astoria. The blood sacrifice of his brother, Washington Mayo, who submitted to a blood operation yesterday, has not helped the condition of the patient, who is suffering from Bright's disease and peritonitis.

"Colonel Mayo's condition is unchanged from what it was late last night," said one of the physicians today.

"But his chances for ultimate recovery are very, very slim. In his present weakened condition it would be nothing short of a miracle if he survived the different diseases that now afflict him."

DIVISION IN ASSEMBLY OVER APPROPRIATION TO PAY MILITIAMEN

DENVER, Col., May 9.—Division in both houses of the Colorado legislature among Governor Ammons' supporters today threatened the success of the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the payment of state troops for duty in the strike zone. Even men who at first supported the governor now declare, it was said, that he has been too hard on a band and have joined the anti-administration factions. The bill was scheduled to come up for consideration today.

Opponents of the administration argue that while the entire state militia was unable to prevent murders in the strike zone or even to halt actual civil war, four troops of federal cavalry restored peace within an hour after their arrival.

Hundreds of persons today surrendered their arms to the federal troops in compliance with the military proclamation ordering the disarmament of every person in the coal fields, except members of the regular army.

Drastic action on the part of the federal authorities was expected to be taken for failure to comply with the order.

SAYS HUERTA MINES STREET OF CAPITAL TO SWALLOW ENEMIES

BY CHARLES MICHELSON.
VERA CRUZ, May 9.—Pres. Huerta has mined the streets of his capital. If he is overthrown he plans to wreck the city, making the world gasp at the catastrophe that marks his downfall.

That is the amazing story brought here by Oscar Brain, a prominent mining man of Oaxaca.

"Huerta has reason to prepare for the end," said Mr. Brain today. "Zapata and Salgado have 40,000 men massed south of the capital. Figuroa holds the pass west of the city with 6,000 men. The Americans are on the east and coming down from the north are Villa's triumphant soldiers."

"Huerta has stopped drinking in the afternoon, but he must be crazy," he heard on every side in Mexico City. He has had all the dynamite from the Pachuca mines brought to the capital. This was paraded through the principal streets in 20 wagons and then distributed to the police headquarters between the national palace and the Chudela.

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"Meanwhile he is fortifying and provisioning the national palace and the citadel and is also planting heavy artillery at Guadalupe. In one of these strongholds he will make his last stand. If overcome he says the world will gasp at the extent of the catastrophe."

WHITMAN FEARS SPIES AND KEEPS WITNESSES HIDDEN

NEW YORK, May 9.—The prosecution in the case of ex-Police Lieutenant Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, is keeping its most important witnesses in hiding and they will be brought to New York only the day they are to testify. This plan is being followed by District Attorney Charles S. Whitman to prevent detectives and agents hired by the defense from spying on the state's witnesses. It was learned Saturday that several of these witnesses will spring sensations by giving wholly new testimony which the prosecution expects will throw the lines of the defense into disorder.

Though the jury that will decide Becker's fate was completed late Friday, 20 men remaining on the panel of salaried jurors were ordered to appear in court Saturday. This caused rumors about Justice Seabury's court that there would be changes in the jury and that one or more jurors would be dropped.

The first juror chosen Saturday was Jesse G. Velle, a silk merchant. His selection left only one place vacant.

After the selection of Mr. Velle Justice Seabury announced that Paul V. Camorah had been excused from service. This action left two vacancies in the jury box and the panel was exhausted without their being filled.

CONFESSES THEFT OF 40,000 IN JEWELRY

CHICAGO, May 9.—A young man who gave the name of William B. Grot has confessed, so the police say, to stealing the suit case containing \$40,000 worth of jewelry and heirlooms from Mrs. Margaret Camfield Snow, wealthy society woman of Ossining, N. Y., in the LaSalle st. passenger station yesterday. Grot when arrested was wearing a diamond and pearl pin that was later identified as the property of Mrs. Snow. He claimed to have pawned most of his loot. Much of it has been recovered.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings for the week show an increase of \$99,229 over the same week of 1913. The clearings for this week were \$1,852,697, while for the same week last year they were \$1,753,468. The following are the day's clearings: May 2, \$299,707; May 4, \$321,069; May 5, \$257,681; May 6, \$405,274; May 7, \$206,331; May 8, \$262,692.

MORE REFUGEES ARRIVE.
WASHINGTON, May 9.—Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported to the state department today the arrival at Puerto Mexico of a refugee train carrying between 500 and 600 Americans. The train left Mexico City under the protection of the Brazilian flag and in charge of the Brazilian consul.

Break in Gates at This Vulnerable Point Could Be Accomplished By a Single Dynamite and Would Empty Gatun Lake Into Ocean and Make Panama Ditch Useless.

BY HAMILTON FOLEY.

ANCON, Canal Zone, May 9.—Because it would be possible with a little dynamite to let all the water out of Gatun lake and thereby make the Panama canal useless for nearly a year, Colonel Goethals has put the Tenth United States infantry on guard duty at all the lock gates, but especially at what are known as the "spillways" which are the most vulnerable places on the canal.

The spillways are a line of strong steel gates which, when lifted, allow excess water in Gatun lake to run out to sea. If these spillways were not provided, this excess water might, and probably would, soon run over the top of Gatun dam and begin to wash it away.

If one of these gates was blown up, the rush of water through the gap would tear away the other gates, and within less than ten hours Gatun lake would be empty.

There would then be no hope of filling it until the spillway gates had been replaced and the next rainy season had almost passed. This would be about the last of the year.

The general idea seems to be that the lock gates are the parts of the canal most susceptible of injury. Dynamite is being placed behind one of the lock gates would make it such a massive mass of twisted steel that a long time would be required to remove it, but as there are parallel locks, a gap in both of them would have to be destroyed.

It is almost inconceivable that both lock gates could be dynamited without detection in time to prevent it. Colonel Goethals does not seem to fear damage to the gates as much as an attempt to blow out the spillways.

Lighting System Vulnerable.
Next to the spillways, the machinery for operating the gates of the canal and the great electric lighting system are most likely to be the objects of attack by an enemy.

As a precaution against damage to any of it, this machinery is all out of sight in what are called tunnels within the lock walls.

The doors leading to these machinery tunnels are protected by very strong steel doors, at each of which there is now on duty, day and night, a well-armed United States soldier. Even the workmen who have been accustomed to go and come every day for years must now carry a permit.

Without this paper, which is given a distinctive mark each day, none may enter these machinery tunnels or go anywhere near the spillways.

Handbills saying, "The canal will never be finished," distributed in Panama City, were the immediate cause of Colonel Goethals' precautionary measures.

A fanatical Mexican had a lot of this anti-American literature printed and spread broadcast among the lower classes of Panamanians and foreigners in Panama.

SPITS ON CAR FLOOR; GUNMAN REPROVED; SHOOT UP THE CAR

CHICAGO, May 9.—One man was dead and two others suffered from wounds today as a result of the shooting up of a street car by Joseph Esposito, a gunman, after he was rebuked for spitting on a street car platform. The dead man was William Laire, a street car conductor. H. J. Kelly, another conductor, was shot in the hip and Charles Sasa, a passenger, suffered a slight scalp wound. Esposito was arrested.

TRACK LABORERS ON RAILROAD STRIKE

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 9.—Hundreds of track laborers in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad suddenly struck today and this afternoon are parading with bands in the towns of Cresson, Gallitzin, Portage and other communities east of here. Reports reached here this afternoon that some of the men were arming themselves and threatening to shoot any railroad men who remained at work.

The strike is due to the efforts of organizers of the new union federation which aims to unite all railroad union men in one body. The trackmen have not been closely organized up to this time, but the other branches of the service have been thoroughly unionized in separate organizations, which have refused to recognize the new federation.

THREE ARE BURNED TO DEATH, ONE HURT, IN APARTMENT BLAZE

NEWARK, N. J., May 8.—Three women servants were burned to death and one man was probably fatally injured and thirty families were driven into the street after fire destroyed the Aldine apartments early today.

The dead have not yet been identified, their bodies being burned beyond recognition. The injured man is Rev. Edward S. Young, a Presbyterian minister, of Brooklyn.

The fire started in the basement from an unknown cause. The flames shot up through the elevator shaft with startling rapidity. In a short time the entire six stories were afire. Police and firemen made thrilling rescues, saving more than 75 women and children by throwing them from the different floors of the burning building into a life net stretched below.

CHIEF KILLED FIGHTING \$50,000 CONFLAGRATION

CAMDEN, N. J., May 9.—Fire Chief Charles Worthington was killed early today while fighting a \$50,000 conflagration in the building of the Camden electric heating plant. Fifty guests in the Ridgway house, located nearby, fearing that it would burn, rushed from the building in panic.

The shot was heard in Mr. Post's room at seven o'clock. Members of his family rushed to the room to find the millionaire dying. He lived only a short time. The police were not notified for several hours.

It was announced at 11 o'clock that the body would leave Santa Barbara Sunday night for Battle Creek.

Mr. Post suffered from appendicitis in a mild form for many years, but early in March he was taken down with an aggravated attack in California and at once started for Rochester, Minn., on a special train. In Rochester an operation was performed by the Mayo brothers, famous surgeons, and Mr. Post seemed to be on the road to recovery. He was taken back to Santa Barbara for the convalescent period.

Mr. Post, who was the head of the Postum Cereal company, was of Battle Creek, Mich., was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1854. He was educated in the public schools and later entered the university of Illinois but did not complete his course. His work was selling plows on the road for a Springfield firm in which he later became a partner.

Mr. Post then began the study of hygiene and medicine and this aroused his interest in dietetics. His interest led him into experiments and he became a pioneer in the prepared food business.

Other Businesses.
Other businesses in which he was identified were the Battle Creek Paper company, the Home and Fireside, Ltd., Post Van Land company, Central National bank of Battle Creek and the National Association of American Advertisers.

Mr. Post maintained a home in Washington but spent most of his time in Battle Creek. He was a member of the National Association of American Advertisers.

Mr. Post was one of the biggest advertisers in the United States and was also noted for his attacks upon organized labor.

GAS AND ELECTRIC CO. GETS PERMISSION FOR GREAT BOND ISSUE

The Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. was given authority Saturday to issue \$1,029,000 in bonds and \$280,000 in gold notes by the public service commission at Indianapolis. The bond and note issue is for the purpose of constructing a new plant at East Chicago. The bonds are to be sold at 96 per cent of their face value, while the notes will be sold at par. The book value of the company was given in as \$13,800,000.

FLAG-DRAPE CAISSON IS SICKLES' HEARSE

WASHINGTON, May 9.—After lying in state throughout the night under military guard in the president's suite at the union station, the body of Major General Daniel E. Sickles today was taken to Arlington National cemetery on a flag-draped caisson and buried with full military honors.

CHICAGO.—"Stink balls" thrown through doors of a number of loop restaurants where waitresses are on strike, routed hundreds of diners and forced them to seek fresh air.

VILLA PREPARES FOR BATTLE WITH HUERTA'S FORCES

BY JOHN W. ROBERTS.
(Special Correspondent.)

TORREON, May 9.—General Villa expects to hurl his forces against Saltillo early next week. He will leave for the front Sunday and the attack on Saltillo will begin as soon as his artillery is in position to bombard the city.

"When we attack Saltillo," said Villa Saturday, "we will have 20,000 men and hope to make the victory so complete that the Huertistas will be absolutely annihilated. Beside my own personal brigade we will have the brigades of Generals Maclovio Herrera, Luis Huerrara, Manuel Chao, Tomas Urbina, Teribio Ortega, Eugenio Aguirre Benavides, Pablo Robles, Jose Rodriguez, Trinidad Rodriguez and Colonel Miguel Gonzales."

"Our scouts tell me that the federals are throwing up strong fortifications and are preparing to put such defense at Saltillo as to make the battles of Torreon and San Pedro de las Colonias mere child's play in comparison. Our artillery under General Felipe Angeles and Col. Santibenez will play an important part in the attack. It comprises 69 pieces, most of 85 millimetres calibre, and is well supplied with shrapnel. There are 43 machine guns on the way to Saltillo and they will be divided among the forces attacking the town in such proportions as their positions demand."

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Construction material have arrived in Torreon during the past week from the Madero country via Chihuahua. This will be used for the reconstruction of the railroad on the way to Mexico City after the battle of Saltillo. The shipments include 1,500,000 railway ties besides many carloads of bridge timber.

REPUBLICANS ARE BUSY FILING PETITIONS FOR THEIR PRIMARIES

Republican candidates were active in filing their petitions for township office. Early there having been members of the party who put in their applications. Two progressives and one democrat also filed.

The following petitions were filed: Fred J. Cook, progressive; William O. Niles, republican; Penn township trustee, Solomon H. Thornton, progressive; Penn township assessor, C. P. Bradley, republican; George Hepler, republican, road supervisor, Warren township; Jacob E. Cauffman, republican, trustee Warren township; M. R. Edison, republican, assessor Green township; J. Howard Ott, republican, member Green township advisory board; William Shenneman, republican, supervisor district No. 2, Liberty township; Orta Taylor, republican, road supervisor, Portage township, district No. 3; William C. Rerick, republican, road supervisor, Portage township, district No. 2; A. Glenn Carpenter, republican, assessor German township.

DRAWS \$50 FINE FOR STABBING AT WEDDING WHEN REFUSED DINNER

Edward Wroblewski, recently released from the county jail where he was sent to serve a 30 day sentence for larceny, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Warner in city court Saturday morning, when he was found guilty of assaulting Steve Witucki, 338 Kosciuszko st., last Monday night.

Wroblewski and Joseph Lopotowski were accused of stabbing Witucki as a result of a quarrel that took place at the wedding of Witucki's sister Monday. Lopotowski was found not guilty.

According to the testimony the men attended the wedding ceremony, invited and in the evening insisted on enjoying the dinner and other festivities. They demanded a "hand-out" before the other guests were served and when they were refused they attacked Steve Witucki, 338 Kosciuszko st., last Monday night.

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NEW YORK, May 9.—Suspension of the brokerage firm of Austin and Rait was announced on the Cotton exchange today.

The firm consists of Martin F. Austin, David Rait and Harry E. A. Ardele. No statement of liabilities or assets accompanied the notice of suspension.

MANY KILLED BY QUAKES IN SICILY; FEAR ERUPTION

Villages and Hamlets Destroyed in Three Terrific Shocks—Fear Disaster May Approach the Messina Horror of 1908.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS MAY BE SENT TO SCENE

King Victor Emmanuel Will Go to Stricken District to Direct Relief Work—Overwhelming Eruption Threatens.

BULLETIN.

ROME, May 9.—The earthquake which shook the eastern part of Sicily, destroying many villages and hamlets, may approach in its scope the destruction of Messina in 1908, when many thousands were killed, according to a dispatch received by the government from Catania this afternoon.

King Victor Emmanuel will go to Sicily on a warship tomorrow to direct in person the care of the homeless and the distribution of relief.

Cardinal Farley, of New York, who has just arrived here, celebrated a requiem mass for the earthquake dead this morning.

Pope Pius X expressed intense grief at the disaster and telegraphed funds for the homeless.

Warning has been issued for all persons living in the danger zone around Mount Etna, the volcano, to flee. The volcano threatens to open in violent eruption.

Warships will be sent to Sicily if the disaster proves as terrible as reports now indicate.

NAPLES, May 9.—A series of violent earthquake shocks in eastern Sicily have killed many persons and destroyed or wrecked a number of villages.

The disturbances which began last night after 10 o'clock continued today. The volcano of Mount Etna, is becoming active and the fears of an overwhelming eruption.

Communication was interrupted by the quake and it was not until today that full details of the disaster were learned. The property damage was vast, running into millions.

There were three heavy shocks, followed by intermittent undulations. The greatest force was spent near the villages of Acireale, Lincera and Mangano.

Lincera was destroyed and many persons there were caught beneath falling debris and killed or injured. The state railway of Sicily was wrecked near Acireale, a part of the wreckage being hurled 700 feet in the air by the terrific force of the quake. Trains were derailed and heavy freight cars were lifted upward as though by a terrific explosion.

As soon as the government learned of the extent of the disaster special trains were rushed into the stricken zone and the arrival of the army and other cities bearing physicians, medical supplies and soldiers, who will conduct the relief work.

Tremors Cause Panic.
A dispatch from Catania says that the people of that city were panic stricken by the earth tremors and many of them rushed from their homes and spent the night in the cathedral upon their knees in prayer.

The shocks were also felt at Messina, where memories of the destruction of that city in 1908 still linger vividly.

A dispatch from Messina said that 40 persons had been killed and 40 injured at Lincera. Another message said that 30 had been killed and 120 injured at Acireale. At Mangano, a passenger train was derailed and many persons were hurt.

Within two hours after the first shock flames gathered at the crater of Mount Etna and the rumbling in the interior of the volcano increased. At dawn today great clouds of black smoke could be seen rolling upward from the mountain, obscuring the sky. Many persons in hamlets upon the side of the mountain left their homes in fright. The district hit by the earthquake shocks is thickly populated. Acireale has a population of 27,000.

Catania province, which the main force of the tremors crossed, has suffered more from earthquakes than any other region on the globe.

Messages received this afternoon indicated that the death toll would be bigger than previously expected. The village of Cefaluni was completely destroyed. Soldiers in Lincera reported finding 500 bodies in the ruins of Falsopomo, Hongiardo and Malati were partly wiped out with a death toll estimated at from 20 to 30.

"I'M SAFE," WIRES BROTHER IN MEXICO TO SOUTH BEND MAN

Dr. Charles M. Harrison, physician in the service of the government railroad in Mexico, a brother of E. J. Harrison of this city, is reported safe although he has not left the Mexican boundary. A telegram was received by Mr. Harrison of this city Saturday from his brother asserting that the doctor intends to remain in Mexico City to protect his interests there for the present.

In the message the physician asserted that he believed the worst of the situation is now past and that peace will soon be restored. The telegram was the first message received from Dr. Harrison since the firing on Vera Cruz three weeks ago and relatives and friends here feared he had been killed.